

**Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club
Projects Overview for New Members
February 2023**

In this briefing, you will find info on most of the major activities of the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club (BSRC). For more information, please feel free to contact the respective committee or activity chairs. Club leadership is listed on the left side of the Club Runner home page. You can also review the CR calendar for upcoming meetings and activities.

Community Services – Chair Bob Frey

Glen Lake Rotary Park (GLRP) – Chairs Bob Farrington & Joe Souther

Over the past 30 years, BSRC has built and helped maintain a large beach, restroom concession building, park fencing, picnic pavilions, docks and a bridge as well as planted trees. We are helping to fulfill the Park Conceptual Master Plan by producing construction plans, seeking grant funding opportunities and organizing volunteers. GLRP also does hands on construction for pedestrian and nature Trails, lake front watercraft access, motor vehicle access and parking and recreational facilities for adults and children. The committee coordinates with the City of Bozeman on the planning, construction and maintenance of a 55-acre Community Park. We work with the State Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, adjoining park neighborhoods and businesses as well as the public to improve the park's use and function. We also provide support at public hearings for proposed park improvements.

Fix Up Festival (FUF) – Chair Alfons Staerk

FUF is a Bozeman Sunrise Rotary community project where in one day, we organize and coordinate home repairs for low-income, elderly, disabled and Veterans. Over the past 13 years and we have completed over 125 projects. Each year, we select and repair an average of 12 homes. Local service clubs, nonprofits, and businesses adopt homes and provide the volunteers for that project. It is truly a community project. 100% of the outside funds raised for FUF goes to the projects.

COAD – Chair Holly Hunts

The Southwest Montana Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) is an association of 26 local organizations, including BSRC, assisting our communities in disasters through coordination, preparation, education, and implementation serving Gallatin, Madison, and Park Counties. BSRC members will be afforded volunteer opportunities as they may arise in the future.

Kids Fishing Day (KFF) – Chair Terry Thompson

This BSRC annual event focuses on introducing and maintaining the excitement of fishing and enjoying our great outdoors. Each spring we host KFF at our Glen Lake Rotary Park. It is open to all kids ages 3 – 13. Go tour Club Runner (<https://bozemansunriserotary.org/>) and click on the tab “Kids Fishing” and “Club videos” to view some of the kids and the excitement.

Glen Lake Rotary Park Clean Up – Chair John Allen

Every spring, our club and the community comes together to clean up and fix up Glen Lake Rotary Park before the busy summer season. We plan a variety of opportunities for you to serve and will have multiple days to choose from during the month of May and later in the Summer.

Youth Services – Chair Anne Keith

Interact--A high school aged club sponsored by Bozeman Sunrise Rotary at the Bozeman High School that promotes Rotary values and engages students in community service. The Interact club hosts multiple fundraising events each year and donates the proceeds to local non-profit organizations as well as their yearly scholarship fund for worthy students.

Rotaract--A young adult club sponsored by Bozeman Sunrise Rotary in the local community intended to get early career community members engaged with rotary values. The Rotaract club is very active in the community, hosting 3 events a month including service, social, and program. They have a fundraising event every year in which they donate the proceeds to a chosen local non-profit.

RYLA--Rotary Youth Leadership Awards -- A yearly summer camp for students entering their Junior year of high school which focuses on leadership development and Rotary values. The club generally sponsors at least 2 local students to attend each summer and then present to the club their experiences upon their return.

Rotary Youth Exchange – Rotary clubs sponsor US high school students going overseas and help host foreign students coming here.

Vocation Education – Chair Ted Schmidt

Currently, the Vocational Education committee (Voc Ed) focuses on supporting students within our community through literacy projects, homeless or housing sensitive student assistance, ongoing scholarship funding for post high school and other areas. Our main projects are:

- 2nd Grade Book Give Away: We organize, sticker and personally deliver two books to all public and private school second graders in Gallatin County. Typical time frame: planning occurs in the Autumn, Sticker party in March with deliveries in April and May.
- Homeless or Housing Sensitive High School support: We annually donate \$6,000 in \$25 gift cards to each of Bozeman, Gallatin and Belgrade high schools. Individual members also personally donate 10's of pairs of boots, coats, and other winter outerwear for students of all ages. All the students are identified and vetted by school counselors.
- Scholarship: we provide three \$2,000 scholarships to Bridger Academy (a subset of Bozeman High School) graduates. Bridger Academy staff identify worthy recipients and our funds are funneled to them through the Bozeman School Foundation.
- BOAR (Blueprint Obstacle Adventure Race) was initially developed by the Voc Ed committee and then handed off to HRDC which runs the Blueprint house which provide housing for high school students experiencing homelessness. It is now annual fundraiser for Blueprint House and is held at Glen Lake Rotary Park in August.

International – Chair Mary Hubbard

The International Committee's main projects are a Global Grant for education in Nepal, a water project in Kenya, funding CultureGrams at the Bozeman library, supporting global TEA teachers from MSU with a small grant, planning a Friendship Exchange with our partner club in Japan, and facilitating various international programs throughout the Rotary year.

In Nepal we collaborate with the Rotary Club of Tripureswor, Kathmandu on an education-focused Global Grant project. Through this grant we will provide teaching training to 6 K-12 schools in and

around Kathmandu. The teacher training is aimed at enhancing an active learning approach. This training is being conducted by team of Nepalese professional teacher trainers from the non-profit PHASE Nepal. To supplement this training our project will provide each school with an e-learning software and the necessary workstations to deliver activities aligned with the Nepali government curriculum and to augment the English language skills of teachers and students. These schools have all chosen to teach much of their coursework in the English language, yet teachers have not had much language training to date. In December 2022, 15 Bozeman Rotarians and others who supported the project traveled to Nepal to visit some of these schools and to observe one of the trainings.

The Kenya project will work in 4 communities, specifically with women's groups. The 4 project components are: 1) repairing wells and community water management; 2) introducing solar water pumping systems; 3) working with women's groups to establish community horticulture or gardens; and 4) training on business opportunities and skills, and women's rights. These skills will enable women to better manage risk and mitigate the impacts from recurring drought.

Public Relations – Chair Mike Banville

PR doesn't have specific projects that are on-going. Our on-going project is to make sure that internal communication within the club is aligned, and we do this by facilitating the bulletin. We also develop a calendar of Rotary events that we use to guide our PR activities throughout the year. We do external PR with the goal to advertise club activities, garner support, and encourage engagement. We do this by writing press releases, engaging with local news outlets, and managing social media.

Membership – Chair Bill MacBride

The Membership Committee supports the Club in areas of recruitment, retention, and new member training, all for the purpose of engaging and retaining quality individuals to serve our community. It meets monthly to discuss possible new members, recruitment strategy, and resignation issues. Membership also discusses attendance records to help the Club make meeting more relevant and responsive to member interests. Membership brings retention issues to the attention of the Board which impact membership involvement. The Club standards for membership are reviewed yearly to align with Rotary International standards. The Membership Committee meets on the last Wednesday of the month, at 7 am at the Yellowstone Bank.

Rotary Foundation – Chair Nancy MacBride

Collect, prioritize, and submit District Grant Applications once per year. Make sure all documents and requirements are in order before submitting.

- Track Paul Harris Award numbers, submit qualified (each \$1,000 donated per member) recipients to District and present awards to recipients at Club meetings.
- Contact Club Members who are close to qualifying for their next Paul Harris Fellowship award once per year to notify them of their standing and number of points to their next award.
- Annually, or as often seen fit by the committee and Board of Directors of the Club, collect and evaluate nominations for Honorary Paul Harris Foundation awards and select worthy nominees for the awards. Present honorees at a club meeting and arrange for them to talk about their community involvement.
- Promote District and International Foundation projects for involvement and donations.

Holiday Auction – Chair Megan Bittinger & Lauren Peck

Sunrise Rotary's biggest annual social event and fundraiser is the Christmas Banquet and Holiday Auction and usually held in early December. Many club members use the evening not only as a fun opportunity to

get all dressed up and socialize but also as an opportunity to invite friends and family to see firsthand and support the club's many on-going service projects both local and international.

Meals on Wheels – Chair Dave Crawford

Our club delivers meals to folks on Tuesdays each week. We typically send two Bozeman Sunrise members-one as driver, one as navigator. This time together gives the Rotarians a chance to get to know each other a little better, while helping those in our community who need a little assistance. We get the meals at the Bozeman Senior Center at 10:30 am and drive them around town to around 8 to 12 homes. It takes just over an hour and is a great chance to connect with our community. We're providing a "check in" to see that the person receiving the meal is ok, as well as providing them a nutritious meal. Normally we chat for a few minutes before moving to the next home. It is a lot of fun, gives you a chance to connect with fellow Rotarians while giving back to our community.